

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. (James 1:27)

THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and partners:

We want you to know that your giving heart has blessed so many. We are very thankful for all of you who support this work with prayers and finances, helping us to give the love of Jesus. You can be the miracle someone is praying for. This is the season to focus on all our blessings. Remember the devil does not care if you are blessed, he just does not want you to enjoy your blessings. Do not forget to rejoice in the Lord and the gift He has given us (His Life)!

These following stories came from an newsletter we sent out two years ago. I opened them up by accident and thought you might like to hear them again.

It Takes a Nut to Become an Oak Tree

About 10 years ago late at night I was driving back from a Christian concert with a van full of excited, pumped up, full of Jesus teen-age girls. We pulled up next to a man in his late 50s. His window was down and he was smoking a cigarette. As we were waiting for a red light to change the girls started asking me to tell the man that Jesus loved him. I remember thinking "No way! He is going to think I am a nut." The girls were persistent so I rolled down my window and said "Excuse me sir. I have a van full of girls that want you to know that Jesus has not forgotten you and He loves you so much that He gave His life for you." I can still see that man's face with eyes filled with tears. All he said was "Thank you. I needed to hear that." **Sometimes we need to remember that a tall oak tree started out being a nut.**

Once I was at Wal-Mart buying a gift card for someone when I had a thought to buy one for the lady that had helped me in the Layaway dept. I thought "This is crazy. She will think I am a nut." But as I started to leave the thought was stronger so I went back in and I took it to her. I told her that Jesus wanted me to give her a gift. She said crying "Today is my birthday and no one remembered." I said "The Lord Jesus did!" I am so thankful that the Lord uses nuts like me to show His glory through. I hope this has helped to encourage you to forget about yourself this season and be a nut for Jesus. You don't have to buy gas at the pump for some one you don't even know, unless you want to. You could just give a smile and tell someone they are valuable because someone loved them enough to die for them. May this Christmas be a joyful time of year filled with mixed nuts and miracles for you! From a little nut for Jesus. ☺ **Janice**

Kenya orphanage update

The new floor for another family at Haven On The Hill has now been completed!! We are now in process of getting it furnished and ready to be a home for more children who desperately need a stable family to love them.

People have asked about girl orphans at Haven on the Hill. We

do plan on having a home for girls in the future after a separate building is built for them. The next building planned to be constructed is the Community Center/kitchen/dining room. Some of the many purposes of this building will be to serve as a place for the Haven families to eat and praise the Lord, as well as an outreach in training men and women with a trade which will help them to earn money to educate their children, providing them with a hope for their future.

During my November visit, one of our milk goats gave birth to twin girls. The Haven family was excited to welcome the beautiful new kids. The new goats will grow up and provide more valuable milk for the Haven family.

Our boys are studying hard at school and are full of life!

They are very appreciative of all the Lord has done for them and are fully aware of the grace of Jesus Christ and His blessing working in their lives. Thank you for all your prayers and support. **Phil**



Grace is one of many young ladies in the Haven community praying for work. We hope to build a training center to help them learn a trade to bring in income.

Current needs:

- **PRAYER for continued health, wisdom, knowledge and understanding for Phil, Janice and the Haven family!**
- **The right parents for the new Haven family.**
- **Financial support to cover the increased operating costs at Haven on the Hill @ \$3,000 / month.**
- **Finances to help build the Community Center.**
- **Eight bunk beds for the new home! @ \$150 each.**
- **Three double beds @ \$55 each.**
- **Furniture and utensils for new home @ \$1,000.**
- **Kikuyu Bibles to give out to the community @ (\$10 each).**
- **Blankets for the elderly and babies (\$6.00 each)**
(Little by little makes a bunch!)

We love and appreciate you!! Thank you for all you do. We could not do this without your prayers and support. Phil & Janice

Our New Home For More Children is Completed!!!



The top floor has been completed and is ready for a new family!



Our boys learning to type with four library computers.

Merry Christmas from your Haven family!!



About Through The Storm Ministries

The mission of Through The Storm Ministries (TSM) is to minister the love of God by providing assistance for individuals through unexpected, extraordinarily difficult times in their lives. This includes the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (**Mat 25:35**) and visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction (**James 1:27**)

We are committed to remaining debt free. (**Rom 13:8**)

TSM is registered as a non-profit organization according to Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations to TSM are tax deductible.

TSM operates as **Through The Storm International** in the nation of **Kenya** as a non-governmental organization (NGO).

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